Classic Christmas train

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	2,397	17	2
■	**BLANC**	White	758	6	1
=	**310**	Black	354	3	1
O	**666**	Bright Red	262	2	1
▲	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	244	2	1
◆	**726**	Light Topaz	184	2	1
X	**700**	Bright Green	161	2	1
❖	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	158	2	1
A	**498**	Dark Red	153	2	1
▼	**783**	Medium Topaz	129	1	1
★	**702**	Kelly Green	114	1	1
+	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	108	1	1
Z	**351**	Coral	86	1	1
V	**433**	Medium Brown	76	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 15 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 14 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 14 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 43 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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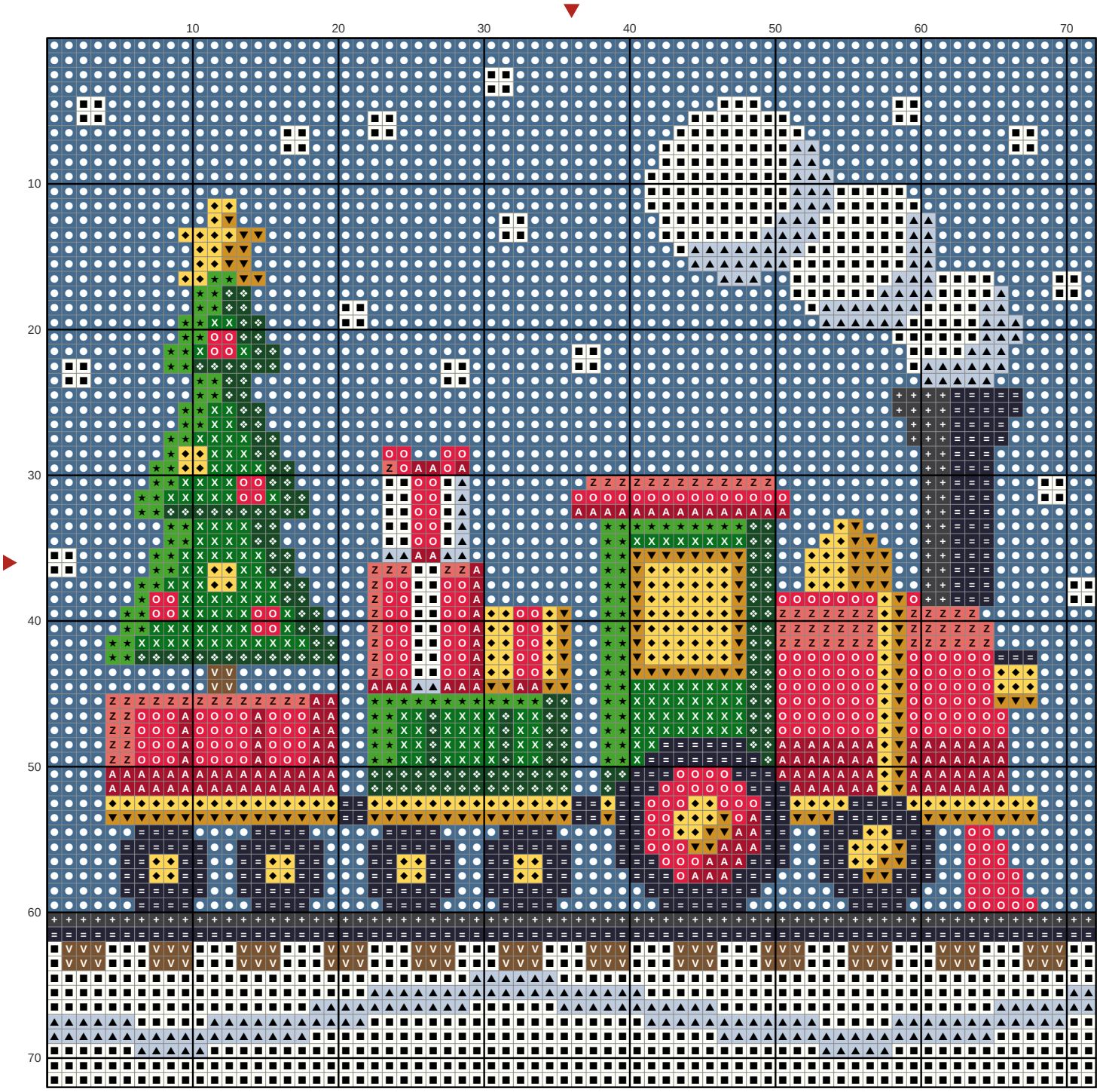
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches



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